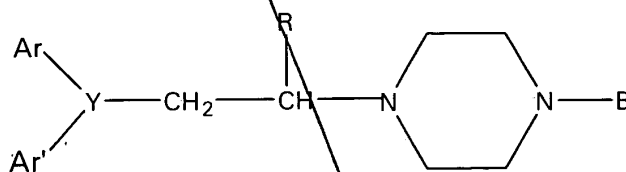


IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A compound of the formula



wherein

each of Ar and Ar' is independently [an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl group] chosen from a group consisting of phenyl and pyridyl each optionally substituted by one or more members from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, cyano, amido, acyl, nitro, amino, acylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, or alkylamino;

Y is [a] chosen from the group consisting of a nitrogen atom [or a], a CH, CH-OH, C-CN, or a C-CONH<sub>2</sub> group;

R is a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group;

B is [a substituted aryl or optionally substituted heteroaryl group] phenyl, optionally substituted by one or more members selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, cyano, amido, acyl, nitro, amino, acylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, alkylamino, fused heteroatom containing ring systems having 5 or 6 members, with the provisos that

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[1] when any of Ar, Ar', or B is a heteroaryl group, any of nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur can be present in said heteroaryl group only once:]

[2] 1) when any or both of Ar and Ar' are substituted, they cannot be substituted by a halogen atom; and

[3] 2) when B is methoxyphenyl and Y is any of C-OH, C-CN, and C-CONH<sub>2</sub> then Ar and Ar' are not simultaneously unsubstituted phenyl [or thienyl];

new 3) when Y equal CH or COH, Ar and Ar' cannot equal optionally substituted pyridyl; and

new 4) when Y equal CH or COH and Ar equal optionally substituted phenyl, Ar' cannot equal optionally substituted pyridyl;

and enantiomers, diastereomers, N-oxides crystalline forms, hydrates and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

excludes  
bisp<sup>2</sup>pyridyl  
but not  
monopyridyl

but Ar can

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2. (Amended) A compound of claim 1 wherein Y is nitrogen a CH, [or a] C-OH, [group] CN or C-CONH<sub>2</sub> group.

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In claim 3, page 31, line 31, please delete "1-[3,3-bis-(2-pyridyl)propyl]-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperazine".

In claim 3, page 31, line 32, please delete "1-[3-phenyl-3-(2-pyridyl)propyl]-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperazine".

In claim 3, page 32, line 5, please delete "1-[3-hydroxy-3,3-bis-(2-pyridyl)propyl]-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperazine".

In claim 3, page 32, line 7, please delete "1-(4-1H-indolyl)-4-[3,3-bis-(2-pyridyl)propyl]piperazine".

Please add the following claim.

21. (New) A compound selected from the group consisting of

1-[3,3-bis-(2-pyridyl)propyl]-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperazine;

1-[3-phenyl-3-(2-pyridyl)propyl]-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperazine;

1-[3-hydroxy-3,3-bis-(2-pyridyl)propyl]-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperazine;

1-(4-1H-indolyl)-4-[3,3-bis-(2-pyridyl)propyl]piperazine.

#### REMARKS

~~Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. The~~  
provisional Election of Group I claims 1-5 and 19-20 is affirmed with traverse.

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. The amendments to claims 1 and 2 raise no issues of new matter.

Claim 21 is new and raises no issues of new matter.